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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Michael S. H. Chu et al.

Serial No.: 09/430,050

Examiner: Ann Y Lam

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Group Art Unit: 3763

For: SPLIT VALVE FOR PEEL-AWAY SHEATH

Docket No.: 1001.1258101

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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By *Kathleen L. Boekley*
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Dear Sir:

This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 of the above-identified application.

SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 CFR §1.114

Applicants submit and request consideration of the Amendment filed herewith. Also enclosed is a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time, thus extending the period for response to May 28, 2003.

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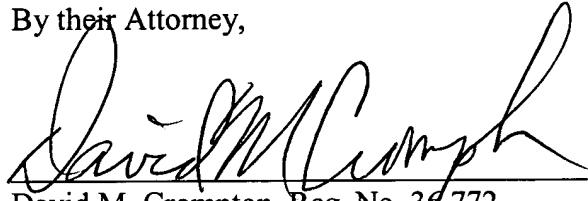
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The RCE fee (37 CFR §1.17(e)) in the amount of \$750.00 is attached. Please charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0413.

Respectfully submitted,

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